for the establishment of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres. As the establishment of these faculties is the responsibility of the State Governments, the Central Government has been repeatedly advising them to fill the gaps. Financial assistance is however being provided for repairs and renovation of the health facilities, procurement of equipments and drugs.

(b) There is no proposal to establish dispensaries in rural or under served areas with financial assistance from the Central Government.

(c) to (d) Do not arise.

Taking away of autonomous powers of MCI

54. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to take away from the Medical Council of India its autonomous powers to supervise all matters concerning medical education, such as running of colleges, framing of syllabi, quality control etc., and to replace the medical professionals with officers of his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the justification for the switch over in favour of non-professionals, who may have no medical background?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

Drug testing

55. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a consumer can take a strip of medicine and get it tested in any authorized laboratory to detect a fake drug;

(b) if so, the names and addresses of such laboratories in Delhi, Hyderabad and Kolkata; and

(c) how an average consumer can detect a fake drug without such testing facility?